

# The Shoemaker's Holiday

a play by Thomas Dekker



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Thomas Dekker (c.1572 - 1632)

*The Shoemaker's Holiday* was first performed in 1599 by the Admiral's Men. Aristocrat Rowland Lacy falls in love with middle class girl Rose Oateley, but Rose's father and Lacy's uncle refuse to approve the match because of the class difference and Rowland's spendthrift lifestyle. Rowland is told to redeem himself by joining the army fighting in France. To avoid going, he persuades someone else to take his place and disguises himself as a Dutch shoemaker, Hans. He becomes an

apprentice of eccentric but hard-working tradesman, Simon Eyre, and negotiates a business deal that bags his employer thousands of pounds. Eyre is made Sheriff of London and later, Lord Mayor. Meanwhile, another of Eyre's employees, Ralph, leaves for the French wars. He returns to find that his wife, Jane, has been poached by a rich dandy, Hammon. (Wikipedia)

Narrator: Kristin Gjerløw  
Rowland Lacy, otherwise Hans: Rob Board  
Simon Eyre: Peter Tucker  
Margery: Availle  
Rodger: ToddHW  
Firke: Richard Shipp  
Ralph: Negatron  
Jane: Elizabeth Klett  
Sir Roger Oateley: Bruce Pirie  
Rose: Beth Thomas  
Sybil: Mary Kay  
Sir Hugh Lacy: davidpr  
Dodger: Hannoria

Master Hammon: Hamlet  
Serving man, and those of Hammon's side: Sandra Schmit  
A boy: Stoofy  
Master Warner: David Olson  
A prentice: Joseph Tabler  
The King: Andrew Utley  
The Earl of Cornwell, and a nobleman: David Olson  
Askew: Lydia  
Lovell: MaryAnn  
A Dutch skipper: Anna Simon  
Master Scott: Newgatenovelist  
Three Men's Songs: Ezwa  
Audio edited by: Rob Board

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